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SUBJECT: WEO GROUP: ECOSOC ELECTION SLATE AGREED ON

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1. ITALIAN PERMREP VINCI CONVENED MEETING OF WEO GROUP
OCTOBER 21 IN FOLLOW-UP TO STALEMATED MEETING HELD PREVIOUS
DAY (SEE REFTEL) ON WEO ELECTION SLATE FOR ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL. AGREEMENT WAS QUICKLY REACHED TO SUPPORT
CANDIDATURE OF NEW ZEALAND THIS YEAR, AND THAT OF MALTA
NEXT YEAR (LATTER AS REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA.) QUESTION OF DIFFERING
INTERPRETATIONS OF GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT OF 1973 (NOT 1972
AS REPORTED REFTEL) WAS LEFT OPEN TO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
BEFORE 1980 DATE PROVIDED IN AGREEMENT FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF ROTATION SYSTEM

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION FINNISH AND DANISH REPRESENTATIVES,
SPEAKING AS MEMBERS OF SECOND "UNDER-REPRESENTED" SUB-GROUP
COMPOSED OF SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES, SUPPORTED VIEW OF SPAIN AND
OTHER MEMBERS OF "UNDER-REPRESENTED" MEDITERRANEAN SUB-GROUP
THAT THE TWO "OVER-REPRESENTED" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUB-GROUPS MUST EACH PROVIDE A FLOATING SEAT EVERY NINE

YEARS, AND NOT EVERY EIGHTEEN YEARS AS CANADA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF OLD COMMONWEALTH SUB-GROUP ARUGE. IN RELATION TO 1980 SPANISH REVIEW, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT SINCE ALL TWENTY MEMBERS OF WEO GROUP NOW WISH SEATS, ROTATION SYSTEM SHOULD BE CHANGED TO PROVIDE 2 SEATS TO EACH OF 5 SUB-GROUPS COMPOSED OF 4 COUNTRIES EACH.

3. VINCI ANNOUNCED THAT PLENARY ELECTION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1.
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